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Art Unit	1731 #14/BM
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- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on May 1, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other _____

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b. ☐ Other _____

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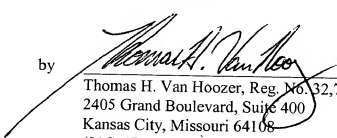
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